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TO   : Assistant Deputy for Inspection and Security   DATE: 24 March 1952
          Attention: ▓▓▓▓▓▓

FROM : Acting Personnel Director   25X1A9a

SUBJECT: Security Precautions for Agency Employees Receiving
Medical Treatment Involving Anathesia or Drugs

1. Reference is made to your memorandum, subject as above, requesting the comments of this office relative to the proposal that instructions be issued setting forth the conditions under which overseas personnel may receive medical treatment.

2. Due to the conditions and risks to which Agency overseas personnel are exposed, it is agreed that precautions should be taken with respect to their medical treatment. As suggested in Paragraph 3.a. of cited memorandum, it is agreed that the return to the U. S. of Agency personnel requiring major surgery or extended treatment, in those instances where U. S. medical facilities are not available overseas, would be advisable. In less serious cases it would seem desirable to require the use of U. S. medical facilities even though this practice necessitates the transportation of the employee a considerable distance to the medical facility. Only in cases of real emergency should it be permissible for an employee to be treated by an alien physician or surgeon, and then the practice of having the individual accompanied by another U. S. citizen employee or a member of his family should be followed.

3. It might be well to suggest to the field stations in any instructions which may be issued that immediate steps be taken to locate and establish liaison with the nearest U. S. medical facility in their area, in order that all concerned may be advised well in advance of any need. It is also believed that application of the precautions referred to herein may not be warranted at this time in such areas as South America and Africa, although personnel stationed in such areas should be advised to consider the problem and to use discretion in selecting the medical facilities they use.

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